

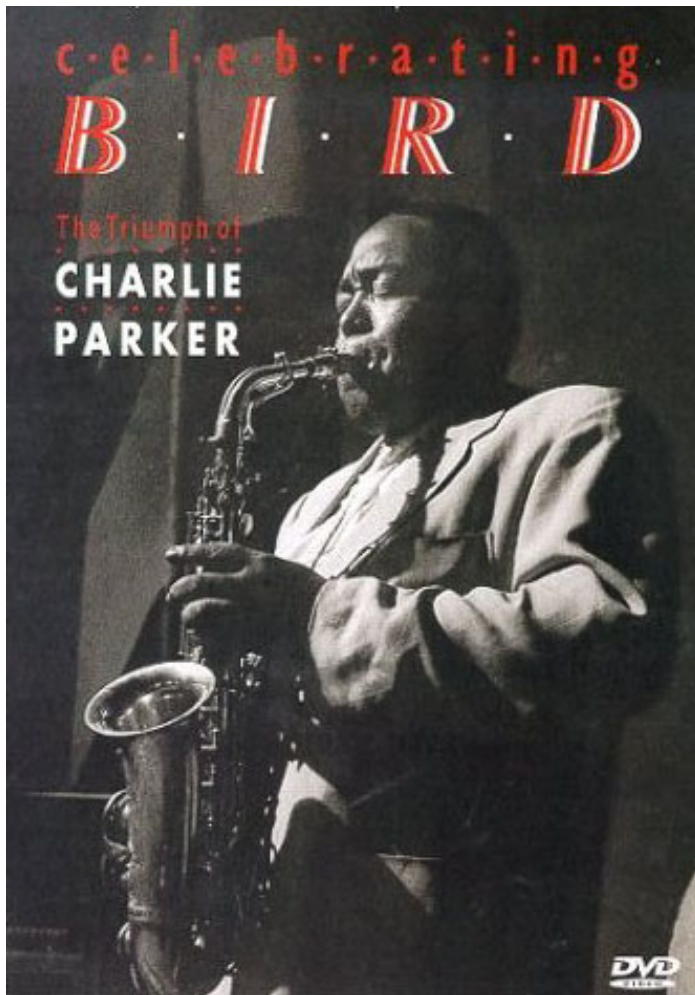


The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org and clicking on "News & Events."

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GET JAZZED AT THE LIBRARY



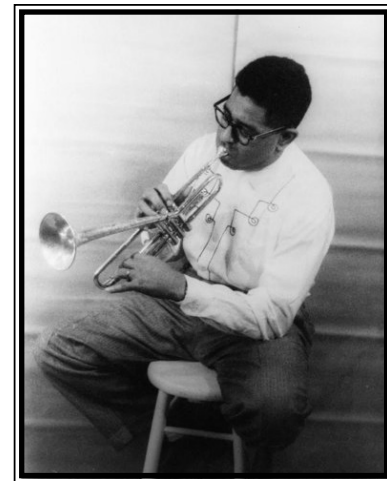
The Library's six-part documentary film viewing and discussion series "Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form" continues in May. This history of jazz series is a project of Re:New Media in partnership with the American Library Association and Jazz at Lincoln Center. Major funding comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and support from San Diego State University and KSDS.

May Film and Discussion Programs

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

May 6 at 2:00 p.m.: *Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker*. Moderated by Richard Thompson, San Diego State University.

May 20 at 2:00 p.m.: *A Night in Havana: Dizzy Gillespie in Cuba*. Jerry Fenwick, professor of music at San Diego City College.



Dizzy Gillespie

Jazz CONCERTS

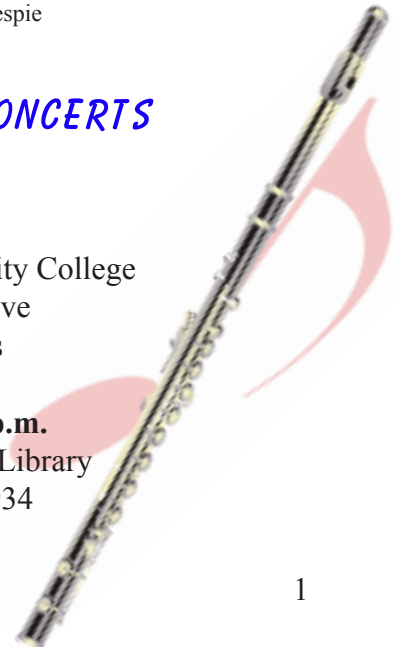
KSDS, Jazz 88.3 Event

Tuesday, May 8 at 8:00p.m.

Saville Theatre, San Diego City College
1312 Park Boulevard. Jazz Live
\$10 Free to Jazz 88 members

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library
4275 Cass Street, 858-581-9934
Lori Bell, Jazz Flute

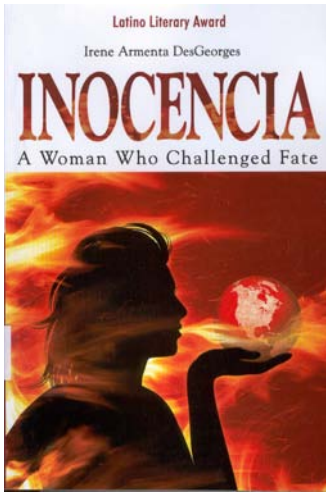


Meet Latino Literary Award Winner for Best Spanish Fiction

Monday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Central Library, Second Floor Meeting Room
820 E Street, 619-236-5800

Books will be available for purchase.

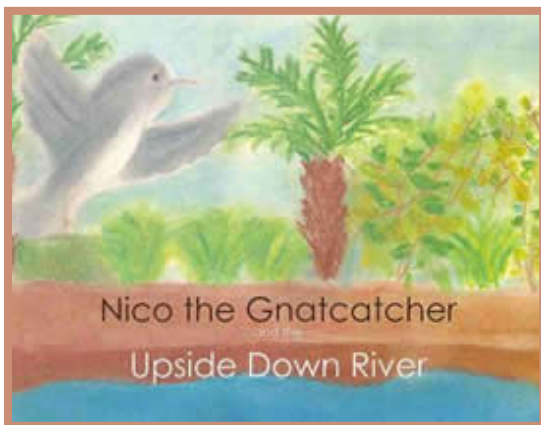


Inocencia: A Woman Who Challenged Fate tells a story of forbidden love and the complex drama that unfolds between families from different socio-political extremes in Mexico.

Author Irene Armenta Des George was born in Sonora, Mexico and studied at the University of California at San Diego. She will discuss her

award-winning book, which she recently translated into English herself to ensure an accurate translation.

River Days to be Celebrated



Councilmember Donna Frye will read *Nico the Gnatcatcher* at the Mission Valley Branch Library on May 19. This special book was created by 47 students from High Tech Middle Media Arts in San Diego. The delightful story celebrates and brings awareness to the San Diego River and is a great story for both children and adults.

May 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Mission Valley Branch Library
2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007

Seating on a first-come, first-served basis

Bestselling Author Chalmers Johnson to Discuss His New Book

Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium
820 E Street, 619-236-5800

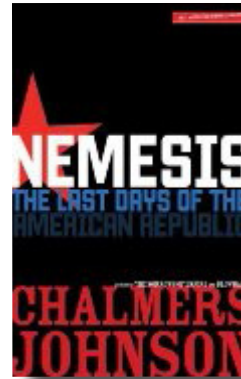
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Chalmers Johnson, of the Japan Policy Research Institute, and professor emeritus at the University of San Diego, is the author of the award-winning *Blowback* and *The Sorrow of Empire*. He will discuss his new book, *Nemesis: the Last Days of the American Republic*, the long-awaited final book in what has become known as the *Blowback* trilogy. He shows how imperial overstretch is undermining the republic itself, both economically and politically.



Chalmers Johnson

Nemesis offers a striking description of the trap into which the dreams of America's leaders have taken us. Drawing comparisons to empires past, Johnson explores in vivid detail just what the unintended consequences of our dependence on a permanent war economy are likely to be. In his stunning conclusion, Johnson suggests that financial bankruptcy could herald the breakdown of constitutional government in America, a crisis that may ultimately prove to be the only path to a renewed nation.



ALL LIBRARIES TO BE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY



All City libraries will be closed
Monday, May, 28
in observance of Memorial Day.
As a convenience, book drops
will remain open to return books
and other materials.

Internationally Known Artist Featured in Library Exhibition

The 10th Anniversary of the San Diego Public Library's Visual Art Program is being celebrated with an important series of exhibitions throughout 2007 and 2008. One of the most

thought-provoking, "Harold Cohen: AARON's Garden, New Digital Images by AARON, a Computer Program Written by the Artist," will open May 23 at the Earl and Birdie Taylor/ Pacific Beach Branch Library and continue through July 8.

Cohen (Professor Emeritus of Visual Arts, UCSD) is an internationally known artist and pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence. In addition to being visually stunning, the exhibited works are revolutionary in the way they were created. For the past 38 years, Cohen, now in his late seventies, has been developing and refining a computer program (AARON) that creates works of art with no human input. His efforts to imbue a machine with the creative instincts of a human artist are universally acknowledged as landmark events in art history and in technology.



Borrego #21 (October 2006)
Sealed digital print, 46 X 46 inches

Works by Cohen/AARON can be found in major museum collections throughout the world and are frequently shown in important venues internation-

ally. The library exhibition will showcase approximately thirty works of art generated by AARON within the past few months. Throughout the exhibition, City TV 24 will rebroadcast an hour-long interview with Cohen originally taped in 2004 and conducted by Library Curator Mark-Elliott Lugo as part of the ongoing Profiles artist interview series. National publicity for the library exhibition will include a major ad in *Art in America*, one of the world's most influential art periodicals.

A reception honoring Cohen and AARON will be held at the Library on Sunday, May 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

May 23 through July 8

Please call for Gallery hours

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library

4275 Cass Street, 858-581-9934

Young Art 2007: Exploring Color

The Library Art, Music & Recreation Section is displaying art works by San Diego County school students on the second floor of the Central Library through May 27 as part of the San Diego Museum of Art's *Young Art 2007* exhibit.

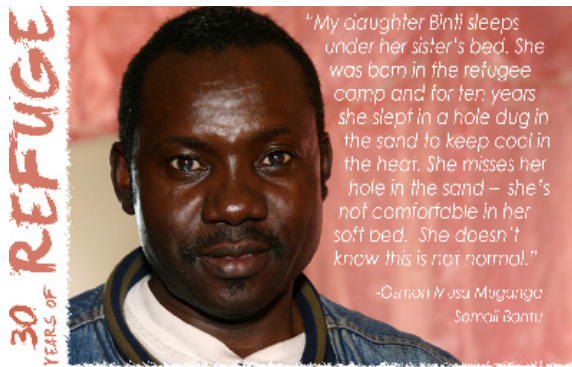
Additional artwork from the museum exhibition is on display at five branch libraries. Visit www.sdmart.org/exhibition-young-art for more information.

- **Central Library**, 820 E Street, 619-236-5800
- **Allied Gardens/Benjamin**, 5188 Zion Avenue 619-533-3970
- **Carmel Mountain Ranch**, 12095 World Trade Drive, 858-538-8181
- **Mission Hills**, 925 West Washington Street, 619-692-4910
- **Pacific Beach/Taylor**, 4275 Cass Street, 858-581-9934
- **Tierrasanta**, 4985 La Cuenta Drive, 858-573-1384



Self Portrait by Karen Sanchez
9th grade, Memorial Academy

30 Years of Refuge



This exhibit, created by the International Rescue Committee, tells the stories of 14 refugees who live locally. It will be on display at the Central Library, 820 E Street, through May 2007.

The films and exhibit are part of the "Changing Face of San Diego" and are supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information about the films and exhibit, call 619-236-5800 or visit our Web site:

www.sandiegolibrary.org

Free Night & Weekend Parking for Central Library Patrons

Free parking is available on Monday & Wednesday nights 6:00 - 8:00PM, Saturday 9:30AM -5:30PM and Sunday 1:00 - 5:00PM at the Five Star Parking Lot on 8th Avenue immediately adjoining the Library, (southeast corner between Broadway and E Street). Free parking is not available during Padres games or events at Petco Park.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org

The Changing Face of San Diego Film Festival and Exhibit

Wednesday, May 16 at 6 p.m.

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library
5148 Market Street, 619-527-3405

Ye Wonz Maibel (Deluge), 1997, 60 minutes

This film frames the multifaceted nature of Ethiopia's historic struggle for unity and modernity within a personal narrative. It explores the momentous events that took place in Ethiopia following the overthrow of Haile Selassie, last emperor of Ethiopia.

Red White Blue November, 1998, 27 minutes

On November 19, 1993, 18-year-old Kong Chi Thao was killed in a drive-by shooting in downtown Fresno. Interviews with his family members reveal varying perceptions of how and why Kong Chi's death took place, in turn, reflecting their differing expectations and experiences of being a Hmong immigrants in America.

Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium,
619-236-5800

Red Doors, 2006, 90 minutes

Red Doors is the touching story of a Chinese-American family living in suburban New York and trying to adjust to the mundane reality of their lives and the dysfunction that is slowly creeping into their family. After retiring, patriarch Ed Wong decides to flee to a Buddhist camp to escape the madcap lives of his three daughters and his wife. Before Ed disappears, he decides to re-visit his history through old VHS footage of the Wong family, where the stark contrast between the happier past and the colder reality of the present compel Ed to leave home.

Red doors are supposed to bring good luck.



The Wongs need all the help they can get.
Red Doors, 2006, 90 minutes

Food for Life: Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Cancer Prevention and Survival



Goal of the Program: Empower cancer survivors and their friends and family members with easy-to-implement cooking skills that turn every meal into a delicious dose of healthy nutrition.

May and June, 5:30 to 7:15 p. m.

Mira Mesa Branch Library

8405 New Salem Street, 858-538-8165

**To Register Contact: Tracy Childs, Instructor
Cancer Project, 858-679-3216**

Sponsored by the Cancer Project:

www.cancerproject.org

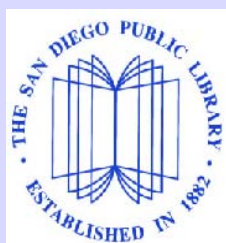


Advancing Cancer Prevention and Survival
Through Nutrition Education and Research

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



Waggin' Tales

Read to the Dogs

What do you get when you bring children, dogs and books together? You get happy, confident children who love to read.

Branch libraries schedule reading hours for children and Therapy Dogs. Children and dogs bond over a shared story. The children's confidence and reading skills grow. It's that simple.

Children who might be hesitant, embarrassed, or shy about their reading abilities feel at ease around a dog that is just there to listen to the story and not there to judge how well he or she reads.

Therapy Dogs International and *Love on a Leash* are the volunteer groups who provide qualified handlers and their Therapy Dogs for these library visitations.



San Carlos Branch Library

Saturday, May 5th 10 to 11a.m.

Please call branch for further dates.

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library
4257 Cass Street, 858-581-9934

Every Wednesday, 5 to 6 p. m.

Rancho Bernardo Branch Library
17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 858-538-8163

4th Tuesday each month, 6:30 p. m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159

Please call to pre-register

Every Tuesday, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

San Carlos Branch Library
7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430

Where kids can read to man's best friend

